

THE LOCAL NEWS.

ROWE-MORRILL.

Happy Wedding on Center Street, Christmas Night.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Howe Weds—Alfred Brown Morrill, of East Hampton, Mass.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place on Monday evening at the home of the bride's father, J. S. Rowe, on Center street, when Miss Henrietta Louise Rowe was united in marriage to Mr. Alfred Brown Morrill of East Hampton, Mass.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends of the families, at 8 o'clock, by Rev. A. E. Kingsley.

The bride was attired in a white muslin gown trimmed with white ribbon, and wore a large bunch of lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Charlotte Cates, who wore a dress of cream-colored chiffon and carried a large bouquet of carnation pinks.

The groom was attended by Mr. Frank Hazlewood Rowe, brother of the bride.

The decorations were very elaborate and beautiful, especially in the parlors where the ceremony was performed, and also in the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served by the Misses Cates and Rowe.

The presents were very numerous and costly, cut glass and silverware being very much in evidence.

Miss Rowe is one of Bangor's most accomplished young ladies and her departure from this vicinity will be the cause of great regret. She is a graduate of the Boston Cooking school and has taught for several years in various schools in Massachusetts and has also given private lessons in Bangor.

Mr. Morrill was formerly a Maine man, having graduated from the Maine Central Institute at Pittsfield, and Bates college. He is at present principal of the East Hampton high school and is meeting with great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrill left Tuesday morning for Old Point Comfort, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will reside in East Hampton, Mass.

SAFETY FUND OUT.

Rescript From the Maine Law Court Concerning Penobscot Lumbering Association—The Sibley Case.

The following rescripts have been received by Clerk of Courts Sweet:

Penobscot case:

In repetition of Penobscot Lumbering Association for the distribution of its safety fund.

RESCRIPT.

Section seven of the amended charter of the Penobscot Lumbering Association (private and special laws of 1889, chap. 34) provides for the gradual accumulation of a "safety fund" by the association, and further provides that the safety fund, at the end of a specified period, shall be used, among other things, "to pay any other debt of the association," and that any part of the fund not needed for the purposes designated by the act shall be paid back to those who paid it, under the direction of a justice of the supreme judicial court. Upon the application of the association to a justice of the court for such a distribution of the fund, direction to a present distribution was made by parties who have in suit claims against the association for damages alleged to have been sustained by them through the negligence of the association in boozing and rafting their logs within the period during which the safety fund was accumulated.

Held, that the "safety fund" was intended to stand as security for the payment of all the debts and liabilities of the association which remain unpaid, and including unliquidated claims for damages arising from the negligence of the association.

The court is of the opinion therefore, that this safety fund should be held for the security and payment of the contingent liabilities named in the petition. The justice before whom the proceedings are pending may fix some reasonable time within which these liabilities are to be reduced to judgment, and may extend such time if it becomes necessary. After which, upon payment of such judgments by the association, or out of the safety fund, the balance of the fund shall be paid back to those who paid it, or to their heirs or assigns, under the direction of said justice.

Case remanded for further proceedings in accordance with the opinion.

THE SIBLEY CASE.

Greenleaf C. Sibley et al. vs. Penobscot Lumbering Association.

RESCRIPT.

The court is of the opinion that there is sufficient evidence to sustain the verdict and that the damages are not clearly excessive.

The court is also of opinion that the Penobscot Lumbering Association is a corporation and is liable in an action at law for damages sustained by its members through its negligence in boozing and rafting its logs.

Neither by the defendant's charter nor by the common law was the duty imposed upon the plaintiff of presenting their claim to the defendant, within any particular time; nor were they obliged to present their claim before bringing suit.

Motion and exceptions overruled.

Boston Journal: Maine, the most maritime of all our states, has awaited long to organize her naval reserve, but it ought to be a good one. The Pine Tree State always had a good reputation for seamanship, and she doubtless has, relatively, more practical seafarers today than any other state in the country.

Messrs. B. Walker McKeen of Augusta, H. P. Dow of Calais, Hon. Fred Atwood of Winterport, and J. B. Mayo of Foxcroft were among the arrivals at the Bangor House Tuesday.

Messrs. O. H. Judkins of Newport, R. Gauntlett of Detroit, Mich., and George W. Stacy of Blanchard were registered at the Windsor Tuesday.

The following persons were registered at the Penobscot Exchange Tuesday: Messrs. D. J. Sawyer, Jonesport; H. E. Dexter, Dover; E. C. Smith, Foxcroft.

A SICK CHILD.

Can he make healthy, happy and rosy by giving it True's Elixir. We can assure him health is the greatest of children and their parents are not to be blamed if they do not give it to them.

It is a safe, simple, non-alcoholic medicine.

Made of pure, natural, vegetable ingredients.

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JOSEPH GREENE.

The Empire Stock Company Drawing Big Houses at the Opera House - at the Norumbega.

At the Opera House on Monday afternoon the Empire Stock Company, supporting the excellent and popular romantic actor Mr. Joseph Greene, began a week's engagement. The play presented in the afternoon was the popular old "Stowaway," but clothed in a new dress of scenery and stage fittings. The company is a good one and the house was crowded. The specialties between the acts were excellent and kept the crowd in thorough good humor. The stage setting in fact four shows the handsome yacht "Success" swinging at anchor, and the details of the scene are extremely well worked out.

Mr. Greene as "Tom Inglis" was very pleasing. He is a young man with a strong voice and a fine physique, and his powerful but wisely tempered acting in situations in which it would have been easy to overdo captured the audience completely. Miss Suzette Willey as "Althea Dale" was also highly appreciated by the audience. The illustrated songs by Messrs. Emory and Nodine were excellent, and the specialties by Arthur Deacon, Grace Eulie and Minnie Moore were amusing and good. The audience as a whole seemed highly pleased with the performance, and frequently showed its appreciation by loud applause.

In the evening the performance was repeated and was witnessed by a packed house.

On Tuesday afternoon "The Burglar" was given, and on Tuesday evening the play "Fallen Among Thieves" was presented, also to packed houses. The company is meeting with well deserved success and no doubt the crowds will continue to patronize the Opera House for the rest of the week. The prices of the seats during this engagement are only 10, 20 and 30 cents, and you are sure of getting more than money's worth of fun as well as sensation if you spend it there.

DAD IN HARNESS.

"Dad in Harness," it is claimed, will become one of the many bright successes of the coming century. There is an excellent cast engaged to enact the several characters. Among them are Otis B. Thayer, a well known comedian; Beatrice McKenzie, a clever comedienne who recently replaced the effervescent Marie Dressler as "Flora" in "Hotel Topsy Turvy"; Kenneth Lee, Florence Elliott, Edward Wenn, Lillian Jerome Martin, Charles Avery and others. "Dad in Harness" will be seen shortly in Bangor at the Normumba.

BROUGHT ASHORE.

The Bodies of the Maine Dead Transferred From the Texas to the Train-Pans for the Funeral.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 26. The Maine's dead were brought ashore at 1:30 today on a lighter and transferred without ceremony to a Chesapeake & Ohio special baggage train, waiting to transfer them to Arlington. A large silent throng watched the transfer. The train will leave at 10 o'clock tonight. The coffins on the lighter were in two large blocks, completely covered with flags, on top of which were wreaths in profusion. At 10 o'clock an official visit was paid the Texas by the mayor, president of the Business Men's Association, and representatives of the military from here during the late war.

PLANS FOR FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

Washington, Dec. 26. The special train of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad bearing the remains of the Maine dead is expected to arrive at Rosslyn, Va., tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. From there they will be taken in a wagon train to Arlington cemetery and placed in tents and shelter boxes. Each casket will be draped with a storm flag and the head board, bearing the number of the grave, placed on each casket. A marine guard of 25 men in command of a commissioned officer will meet the cortage at the cemetery and be maintained over the remains until after the interment.

Barring accidents and unavoidable delays the funeral ceremonies at Arlington will take place at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The ceremonies will be simple and dignified and will consist of prayer, the reading of scripture, dirge by the Marine band and the firing of volleys over the graves. A covered stand, appropriately decorated with the national colors, has been erected at the site of the graves, for the use of the President and other distinguished persons who have indicated their intention of being present.

Capt. Sigisbee, commanding the battleship Texas, which brought the remains from Havana, will have charge of the ceremonies at the cemetery. Father Chadwick, who was chaplain of the Maine and who performed the sacred offices for the dead at the Spanish cemetery, will conduct the religious services at Arlington. A troop of cavalry from Fort Myer will probably assist in the ceremonies at the graves, but with this exception the demonstration will be entirely naval. The escort will consist entirely of marines and a small body of blue jackets, headed by the full Marine band under Lieut. Seth Curtis Beach.

SEVEN WILLS.

The wills which have been filed for notice at the probate court since the last term of court are as follows:

Frances Casey, Bangor; Amanda M. Hayward, Bangor; George R. Staples, Bangor; Eben S. Coe, Bangor; David Bugbee, Bangor; Augustus R. Chapman, Orrington, and Mark T. Miller, Hermon.

SHOT HIS OWN BROTHER.

Pittsburg, Ky., Dec. 26. Last night in Clay county, Alex Fisher was shot and killed by his brother, Pleas Fisher. They were members of the opposite factions of the Philpot-Griffins. Pleas Fisher escaped.

Sam Philpot, who was in jail charged with recently killing Ned Rogers, escaped last night.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. J. H. Manley of Augusta was in the city Tuesday on business.

W. P. Dickey & Co. have the best of hardware and other goods at their store on Broad street.

CASTORIA.

Dec. 26, 1899. — The weather conditions as shown by the thermometer and barometer at Miller's药房.

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LOCKS FAVORABLE.

WORK ON NEW INSANE HOSPITAL IS PROGRESSING FINELY.

IT IS HARD TO GET STEEL.

THE WHIG MAN INTERVIEWED CON-TRACTOR M. C. FOSTER.

He Talks on Price of Material And of the Wages of His Men and the Times.

Considerable interest has been evinced of late in regard to the progress of the work on the new insane hospital.

Mr. M. C. Foster, of Waterville, the contractor of the building, was seen by a representative of the Whig at the Bangor House on Tuesday evening. Mr. Foster said that the work was now progressing favorably although considerable trouble had been experienced in obtaining material. Granite for the building has been coming in very slowly, although that part of the work is now finished. The brick work on both the wings is completed, and one of the wings is closed in, and the slaters are at work on the roof.

STEEL COMES HARD.

The great difficulty has been in obtaining the steel used in the construction, but Mr. Foster expects that the girders necessary for the roof, will arrive in a few days, when the work of closing in this part of the structure will be finished. The steam heating apparatus is already in working order so that when the plasterers begin their work the building will be warm. It is expected now that the new additions will be entirely roofed and closed in about three weeks, when work on the inside finish will begin.

When asked how the rise in the price of building materials, particularly the steel, would effect the completion of the work, Mr. Foster smiled.

"You see," he said, "we protected ourselves by ordering most of our material before the great rise took place. Of course the rise in steel affected us in some degree, but as we placed our orders early in April, when steel was worth only twenty-five or thirty dollars a ton we were very well protected. The great difficulty has been in getting our orders filled on time. Some of the steel ordered at that time has not arrived even now."

SINCE THE WAR.

Mr. Foster went on for some time and talked very interestingly on the conditions of the markets and labor. He said that since the war builders had not had such a hard time in obtaining material for construction. All the mills and factories have been running on full time, but even under those conditions it is almost impossible for them to fill their orders.

"If tell you," said Mr. Foster, "that there is something the matter with the man who is out of work in these days. Skilled labor is in greater demand and better prices are being paid for it than have been paid for years. The sore headed men who are growling about hard times are pretty sure to be found unskilled workmen."

PAY OF SKILLED LABOR.

I am paying my skilled labor as much as I ever paid during the war, when the price of labor was higher than it was ever known to be before. More than a few of my men up there at the hospital sign the pay roll for twenty-four dollars every Saturday night. Of course these are skilled workmen, but they earn every cent they get. Besides this I would like to have the public understand that we are paying as much money for eight hours now as we paid for a ten hour day during the summer. What better evidence of prosperity can any man want than this?

WHIG ADVERTISERS.

A Word to the Wise in a Nutshell—Enterprising Dealers' Offerings.

Buyers of perfumes and toilet articles can find a new choice bits left over from Christmas at the East Side Pharmacy.

Sleighs, pungs and fur robes in large assortment at Whitton's carriage repository.

My lady's muff will be of the proper style if bought at Lyford & Woodward's.

For high grade ladies' and gents' tailoring call on Louis Goldberg.

Too much Christmas may have left you with a sick headache. Call on Sweet for relief.

If you wish to exchange any recent purchase at P. H. Vose & Co.'s call on them and you will receive treatment that will satisfy you.

"T. 1-3" is the telephone call at the Bangor telephone exchange for Moses' conservatories at Bucksport. Call him up and get your orders filled.

Maloo's big sale of Oriental rugs, draperies, etc., will just end the remaining days of the dying year. Buy now at a great reduction.

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BUCKSPORT NEWS.

The New Spofford School Throw Open to the Public on Monday.

(Special to Whig and Courier) Buckport, Dec. 25. Among those who came to town to spend Christmas were Emma Haley, from Indian Point, George Stover, of Warren, Robert Culver, and James McNeil, of Rockland. Miss Nellie Keene arrived from Boston Saturday.

The grammar school will begin Monday, Jan. 1; also the other village schools.

Mrs. Wm. Cowen has purchased the Thomas Parker house on Hanks street.

The new Spofford schoolhouse was thrown open Monday afternoon, and about 75 took advantage of the privilege to look over the building.

Robert Blair and wife, of Orrington, and Augustus Gray and wife, of Lowell, spent Christmas with Charles Blair on Bridge street.

It was not a very merry Christmas for John Griffin and wife who received news of the death of their son Alex Griffin, who was drowned at Halifax in boarding his vessel, the schooner Lizzie Griffin, which was repelling at that place.

The bank and postoffice observed holiday hours Monday.

One of the best of Christmas concerts was given at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Special attractions were the splendid chorus, exercises by the children and solo by Mrs. Putnam, Miss Ames, Gladys Shute, Goldie Reeves, Albert Snow, Dana Robbins, and Frank "Fellows."

The chorus class directed by Mrs. W. F. Putnam will meet Wednesday evening at 7:15 P.M. at the Spofford school house.

Albert P. Jones, unfortunately lost a valuable cow Monday.

Capt. Rhoades of the Oak Hill cadets was presented with a sword by his company Christmas.

Blodgett has completed his two story coloring house at the lower tannery.

Capt. James Craig has taken command of the steamer Joe G. Totten.

Capt. Wardwell, who formerly had charge, will shortly leave for Wisconsin.

The populations "in addition to the fines established by the laws of the state for the neglect of duty and unmilitary behavior," were of the following drastic character:

* For non-appearance at any public parade of the company when ordered by the commanding officer.....\$1.00

* For non-appearance at the drill meetings when ordered by the clerk.....50c

* For appearance at any of the company parades without the arms and equipment required by law.....\$.00

* For appearances at any of the company parades without the uniform of the company.....\$.00

The list of names of members in 1840 will be read with interest, and is as follows:

William H. Mills, captain.

George W. Wallingford, first lieutenant.

John F. H. Mussey, second lieutenant.

Michael Gilligan, first sergeant.

Leah G. Dennis, second sergeant.

Benjamin A. Burr, third sergeant.

Horatio Hill, fourth sergeant.

David Bugbee, first corporal.

Cornelius Bellows, second corporal.

John Lane, third corporal.

John McIntire, fourth corporal.

Primates—Abraham Colomy, Luther T. Hayes, Albert Noyes, Jesse Dyer, Henry A. Head, Asa M. Glidden, Bradley Hostord, Joseph T. McIntire, Emerson P. Poiter, Lewis L. B. adbury, Jason L. Bourne, Charles C. Gage, George W. Cooley, Joseph Nickerson, John T. Dolc, William H. Vinton, Pliny B. Morse, Jason M. Young, Lyman Putnam, William H. Parsons, Allen Marden, John B. Foster, Joseph P. Jackson, Joseph T. Webster, Lewis B. Wilson, Silas C. Hatch, Joshua W. Richardson, Arad Thompson, Robert S. Williams, Henry J. Flagg, Horatio Foster, Alexander G. Houston, Rufus Dwinel, Watson, R. Goss, Oliver H. Ingalls, Edwin Clark, John L. Hodson, Allen Tupper, Samuel H. Blake, John McLaughlin, Luther Dwinel, John Crockelt, Leonard March, Gilman Cram, Edward C. Hyde, Frederick H. Hodgen.

Of the 58 names in the above roll, two of whom were afterwards mayors of the city and many others attained positions of eminence, the writer can recall but three who are now living.

Messrs. John B. Foster and Arad Thompson of this city and William H. Parsons, Esq., now of New York.

Dexter, Me., Dec. 26. Mrs. Locadia Jones, a life-long resident of Dexter, died Sunday morning, Dec. 21st, of disease of the heart and nervous troubles. Mrs. Jones lacked four days of being 80 years old. The funeral was held Tuesday at the Baptist church, she being a member of that church. Mrs. Jones was a lady loved and respected by all her friends and neighbors.

J. H. Larabee and wife spent Christmas with his brother, M. W. Larabee, of Parkman.

Mrs. Betsey R. Warren spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Grace B. Thomas of Abbott.

John W. Townsend passed through Dexter Saturday on his way to visit his family in Abbott. Mr. Townsend has a good berth in the navy yard at Charlestown, Mass.

DEXTER NEWS.

Death of Mrs. Locadia Jones—Personal Matters of Interest.

(Special to Whig and Courier.)

Presque Isle, Me., Dec. 26. Christmas was passed off very pleasantly for all in this town. The different churches held special services on Sunday which were largely attended. There was a midnight mass at the new Catholic church on Sunday night which a great many attended. Monday was a very busy day on the street for a holiday, and the traders say that this has been the best year for Christmas trade the county has known. Monday night there was a Christmas tree and candlelight by the Sunday school at the Congregational church, the part of Santa Claus being acted to perfection by Mr. Fred Stevens. Frank Wellington represented Jack Frost, and after the candlelight Santa Claus stripped the tree of its load and the Frost Sprites distributed the presents to their owners as he read the names, making remarks which kept the audience in a continual laugh. There were also Christmas trees at the St. John's Episcopal school and the Baptist church, besides those at private houses which were largely attended.

Mr. Frank Higgins returned from Augusta Saturday, where he has been in attendance as delegate to the meeting of the Maine State Grange.

Car Whitney left Monday for Massachusetts, where he will visit this week with his parents, who recently moved to Lowell, returning so as to resume school Monday.

Mrs. Laura Bolton came down from Fort Kent last week to spend the holidays with her mother.

After the dining room feast at the residence of Mr. John Stevens last Friday night, when friends of the Misses Alice and Kitty Stevens to the number of about 30 called and spent the evening in games and dancing. Refreshments were served and after a short time or two the party broke up.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1899.

The dead of the Maine will be buried in Arlington, as they ought to be. Over their graves will rise some day a majestic memorial to the first martyrs of the noblest war of the century.

On Saturday the Lawton Fund reached a total of \$10,299.57. Today the total is probably still larger. What an inspiring response this is! What a tribute to the memory of an everlasting American soldier.

The British steamship lines whose ships have been chartered for use in transporting Tomm Atkins to South Africa should be highly thanked that this battle was of the Paris Exposition. For next year will see a Klondike of gold made on the Jerichoan improvement on the Jerichoan home.

Not even the fever of London - gods could quite cover the pathos of John Roberts' departure for South Africa - a worn veteran of sixty-seven setting forth to a distant war which had just sacrificed his only son. It was a sad episode at best and after the excitement has cooled it will be thus remembered.

Prosperity and Progress Everywhere

A song too often sung loses its charm, but there is a magic ring and a suggestion of gold coin in the commercial duty now being sung throughout the country which keeps it fresh and sweet to the mercantile mind. To the merchant, farmer, professional man, and wage earner there is a certain charm in the reading week after week that business in the United States is better than ever before and that the tide of prosperity shows no signs of ebbing. All conditions indicate a continued volume of business far in excess of anything ever before seen. The weekly bank clearings still exhibit their unvarying increase over last year, the heavy gain in railroad earnings shows a free movement of produce and merchandise, while the activity in fall orders for iron and steel, boots and shoes, woolen and cotton goods, lumber and metals, exceeds the mid-summer records of the best previous year in the history of the country.

"I feel I will have a better chance next time," says Sir Thomas Lipton. "We are glad to hear it but we must remind Sir Thomas that there was just about as much blue water between the Columbia and Shamrock as between the Pacific and Atlantic in 1857. The British yacht is always faster than her predecessor - and so is the American yacht. It's a very close race and that's a good old marine legend has it, is a long one."

Losses in the War.

Gen. Methuen was reported to have called the engagement at the Modder River the bloodiest battle of the century. If he did use such a phrase, he must have done so with the roar of battle in his ears and the bleeding bodies of his comrades before his eyes, and with his judgment held in abeyance to the momentous scenes. It was, no doubt, a violent conflict, and the losses were heavy. But far from being the bloodiest battle of the century, it was in comparison with many others that so instinctively bind, scarcely more than a skirmish. In fact, after comparing the numbers engaged, the plans of the engagements and the scientific perfection of the armaments, the smallness of the loss sustained is the most remarkable feature of the war.

Let it be borne in mind that, as far as other engagements in this war the British have attacked about equal and sometimes superior numbers of Boers, the latter being entrenched upon hills and armed with the best output of German and French arsenals. In fact, the Boer army is without doubt the best armed that has ever taken part in any war in the whole world. In such circumstances, we might naturally expect to hear of enormous British losses. But what are the facts? At Modder River 6,000 British troops fought 8,000 Boers for hours, and charged them in their entrenchments, with a total loss of 471 killed and wounded. That was less than 6 percent. If we reckon that the troops actually engaged in open attack upon the Boer trenches were not more than 2,000, and credit all the loss to them, the per cent is little below 25. It is authoritatively stated that Lord Methuen's losses in the campaign from the Orange River to the Modder, including three battles, amounted to 15 per cent of his whole army. At Glencoe the losses were scarcely 15 per cent of the attacking force, at Elandslaagte about the same, and at Rietfontein not more than 3 per cent. Such is the "deadliness" of magazine rifles, smokeless powder and quick firing cannon.

What were the losses in earlier strife, with primitive weapons in hand? At Albuera the British troops had nothing to face but smooth-bore flintlock muskets. Yet no less than 75 per cent of them fell in the attack upon the hill. At Fredericksburg, with old style rifles on both sides, Meagher's brigade lost 80 per cent. In the great charge at Gettysburg Pickett's division lost more than 70 per cent. There is no need to mention Waterloo, or Malvern hill, or Cold Harbor, or Gravelotte or any of a score more, whose percentages of loss, as well as the actual figures, make this whole South African war seem small indeed. And all these were fought with weapons which the

most conservative Boer would now regard with scorn.

Are we then to reckon that modern weapons are less effective and less deadly than the old? By no means. But we are able to take into account the human factor in the equation. With all your perfection of rifling and magazine and steel jacketed bullet and smokeless powder, it is after all a man, with a man's eyes and a man's nerves, who uses the rifle. With the increase of range of weapons there has been a corresponding increase of the distance at which actions are fought. And the accuracy of aim, no matter how perfect the weapon, diminishes as the distance increases. A soldier with a Mauser or a Lee-Metford rifle at a mile's range is not as formidable as was his grandfather with a flintlock, and killed, wounded or captured 28 of them. Our troops also obtained possession of a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition. One American was wounded.

A detachment of the 34th infantry encountered a band of the enemy Saturday at Aristan, province of New Viscaya, and routed them, killing two and wounding or capturing 13. The Americans also seized a quantity of ammunition.

The 21st regiment attacked Philipino post Sunday near Calamba, scattering them and killing five of the enemy. The 32d regiment Sunday had a brush with the enemy from the mountains northwest of Dusulupigan. One American was wounded. The troops captured 123 head of cattle and brought them to Gran Batanga province.

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The funeral of Maj. Gen. Lawton will take place Dec. 30.

He will be embarked on the transport Thomas.

NEWS FROM MANILA.

36th Infantry Had a Brush With Filipinos On Thursday -- The War in South Africa.

Manila, Dec. 26.—11 P. M. Col. J. Franklin Bell of the 36th Infantry, encountered 150 Filipinos Thursday near Atilmon, province of Zambales, and killed, wounded or captured 28 of them.

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GEN. OTIS REPORTS.

Washington, Dec. 26. Under Tuesday's date Gen. Otis in Manila reports some details of engagements with insurgents following the death of Gen. Lawton. His despatch follows:

"Following recent minor engagements, capture San Matto, Dec. 19, 29th infantry, Lieut. Breckinridge, Seventh

infantry, slightly wounded, four enlisted men slightly wounded, captured same date Montalban, Lieut. Crotchet, 11th cavalry, and 150 enlisted men wounded mostly slight; enemy's casualties heavy. In northern Zambales, 21st inst., Pali struck 150 insurgents, killed, wounded and captured 28 and 20 rifles; Lieut. Read, 36th infantry, wounded right thigh, moderate. Hughes Brownell's camp, 26th infantry, near Jaro repulsed with heavy loss in men and 26 rifles; insurgents are in Romblon, surrounding arms. Twenty-third inst., Capt. Elime, 31st infantry, struck insurgent band near Atilmon, province of Neiva Viscaya, killing and wounding many, capturing seven rifles. Lieut. Meade, 21st infantry attacked insurgents' outfit near Calamba, 24th inst., killing five, capturing five rifles in mountains southern portion Batanga province, 23d inst. Capt. Comfort, 32nd infantry, struck insurgent band, wounding four and having one man wounded. Maj. Specks, same regiment, same locality, captured 135 rifles and ponies. Capt. Hayson, same date, attacked in mountains near Sulu, one man missing.

MISHAP TO WESTMINSTER.

San Francisco, Dec. 26. The transport Westminster, which sailed from here Sunday with 400 horses and mules and a cargo of fodder, has put back to port, having met with an accident to her machinery. She will probably sail again Tuesday.

NO CHANGE.

London, Dec. 26. The latest cable despatches from South Africa show that the situation at the front is practically unchanged. With the exception of desultory artillery practice, to which the Boers do not reply, the British continue to mark time.

The Boers bombarded Ladysmith

heavily for a couple of hours Dec. 16,

the day after the battle of Tugela river, but little damage was done. They killed one man and wounded two men of the garrison.

Advices from Cape Town say New Zealanders with Gen. French, at Naauwpoort were in a tight corner Dec. 16.

They were nearly surrounded by Boers and retired under a hail of bullets fired at short range but sustained only little loss.

Among the Boers killed at Stormburg were many of that locality who had joined the Orange Free State forces.

Several newspaper correspondents have returned to Cape Town from the Modder River, apparently confirming the belief that no immediate advance of the British is projected.

The war office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 25, saying:

"There is no change in the situation at Modder River. Gen. Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him."

BOERS ARE SUSPICIOUS.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.

The British naval guns command the whole Boer position and possess the exact range of every stone and bush. They frequently plant shells with good advantage in the midst of groups of Boers.

The burghers are reported to be returning home for Christmas. Recent arrivals from Jacobsdal report that notwithstanding the Boer successes the Free Staters do not expect ultimate victory. They complain of the overbearing conduct of Gen. Cronje's men, who are alleged to be better fed and posted in the safest positions.

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THE MARKETS

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 28. Wall street

spent a very dull day today and took

great comfort therefrom as a grateful

relief from the painful activity of last

week. The fact that the stock ex-

changes in London and in Germany

were closed had an influence towards

business, in view of the great im-

portance attached to the course of

events at those centers. The London

market for Americans has become so

harsh and is so subject to manipula-

tion by the cables that the quotations

there will be enabled to come to the

conclusions drawn. Sterling exchange

in New York was without quota-

ble change and tomorrow's steamers

brought only a single shipment of gold,

amounting to \$300,000. Here the

money rate ruled all day at from 2½

to 6 per cent. These various indica-

tions awaked some confidence that

the stress of the preparations for the

January 1st disbursements of dividends

and interest is past. The quiet course

of events in Boston today was also

met with much satisfaction from

Wall street. There was some pro-

tection bidding up of prices in opposi-

tion to the bears and there was an ap-

preciable demand through commission

houses. The market receded at inter-

vals with much satisfaction from

the bulls.

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refined, steady; refined, compound, 5½

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BREWER LOCAL NEWS.

Ex-Alderman Cowan has recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. John Shannon is once more able to resume his duties after an attack of the grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holyoke have recently returned from a visit in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. George Cleaves has returned to his home in Bar Harbor after a recent visit in Brewer.

Mrs. James Dougherty who has been quite ill with typhoid fever is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Brien have returned home after a visit with friends in Salem, Mass.

Mrs. Barbour and family have recently returned from a visit with Miss Florence Barbour in this city.

Mr. J. Logie, of this city, who is employed in Chatham, N. B., is at home during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pettingill have returned to their home in Pittsfield after a short visit in Brewer.

Mr. Rod Sutherland returned to his duties Monday at Jackman after spending Christmas with his family.

The condition of Miss Adelia C. Dunn who has been ill with typhoid fever is reported as improved.

Mr. Daniel Brown, who has been employed in the Drigo mill has gone to Gilford to work until spring.

Miss Carrie Stone is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stone at South Brewer.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. Hattie Lord Tuesday evening at her residence on Washington street.

Miss Fitzgerald, the well known caterer, is very busy at this season and is taking new orders every day.

The condition of Mrs. George Carroll is reported as being very critical. Friends are entertained of her recovery.

Hungry Meadow is the place to catch rabbits. Messrs. Patterson and Faxon recently secured a large number there.

The pulp and paper mills at South Brewer did not suspend operation on Christmas day, but run full crews on full time.

Nearly all the members of the Bachelor Girls' Club attended the Algonquin Club's dancing matinee on Christmas afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Prentiss, of Waterville, who have been the recent guests of their parents in this city, have returned home.

A large crowd are planning to attend the Firemen's Relief Association concert and ball to be held in Bangor City Hall, January 3.

Mr. John W. Dunn, of the firm of Dunn & Holyoke, is going to Katahdin Iron Works, where he has taken the contract to haul wood for the pulp mill.

Brewer dressmakers are busy getting work ready for the Parker & Peakes

Mutual Benefit Association entertainment and hall which will be held in Bangor City Hall soon.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Lola A. Bolton took place Sunday at the home of Mrs. E. L. Pierce Orrington, Rev. Byron Russell officiating, assisted by Rev. Charles Rogers.

Miss Helen Brimmer will resume her duties in the millinery store of Miss E. M. Jones on Center street after assisting Mr. A. L. Ray during his holiday rush.

A large crowd attended the Christmas tree and entertainment given by the Methodist Society of North Brewer, Monday, December 26. It was a very pleasant affair.

A number of Oldtown and Orono people attended the dancing matinee at the Fashion on Main street, Bangor, also sent a large number of delegates. Everyone had a good time.

A pleasant dancing party is being arranged by Messrs. Ned Kelley and Thomas Gallagher to take place in A. O. H. Hall, January 8. A good time is looked forward to.

Mr. Patrick Roach, who is employed in Fairfield by his brother-in-law, Mr.

musical order and is looked forward to with much pleasure by the members. The date is announced for Monday afternoon, January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hewey, of East Bucksport, have the sympathy of their friends in the loss which they sustained by the death of their four-year-old son, Albert, which occurred on Thursday, December 21, of typhoid fever.

Wyman's Pine, Tar and Cherry Exportator is proving to be a very popular cough medicine.

Mr. Leslie Kelle's stock is nearly gone, a few articles remaining which will be almost given away to clear out her stock.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the Christmas matinee in Brewer City Hall Christmas afternoon.

Mr. Arthur Aiken managed the floor and Messrs. Bladell, Gilmore, Maling, Penney, Wentworth and Hackett did their part toward making it a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Edward Larsen accompanied Hicks' orchestra and everybody enjoyed the afternoon.

The meeting of the Arden Club which was to have been held Saturday at 2 P.M.

one daughter, Nettie. After leaving the sea, he became the first city marshal of Brewer, and has held that position ever since Brewer became a city to the complete satisfaction of every one. He is now the only representative of police in Brewer, and is monarch of all he surveys, having a territory of over 18 miles under his care.

The death of Mrs. Mabel E. Hutchings, wife of Charles Hutchings of Belton street occurred Thursday morning after an illness with typhoid fever. She was 28 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves one sister, Mrs. H. O. Bartlett, and one brother, Elliott F. Woodworth, of Bangor, who have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement. Her funeral will be held Thursday at 2 P.M.

O. H. C. I. ASSOCIATION ELECT OFFICERS.

The sixth annual meeting of the O. H. C. I. Association was held in the aldermen's room, City Hall building, Tuesday evening. In the absence of the president, Mrs. M. C. Phillips, Mrs. Crowell presided. The records of the last meeting were read by the secretary, and approved.

The reports of the secretary and of the treasurer were read by them and adopted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The intervening months have passed away and the extended period of our annual meeting has again brought us together for the necessary business of our organization and for deliberation. In regard to the methods best adapted to promote the objects for which we are associated.

We do not forget that time in its flight has brought us through the nine-tenth century, and looking back over the six years that have passed since we were an association there is mingling with our Thanksgiving, a little pride and gratification, and standing on the threshold of a new century with all its great possibilities before us, who shall say that we may not accomplish greater things than these?

It is always a pleasure to report respecting an undertaking which secures the enlightened and benevolent regard of the community. Gratifying certainly, and encouraging to those interested with the management of an organization, is the reflection that others are devising liberal things concerning it.

An organization having its basis on a good principle and enjoying public and private liberality will be productive of good.

No extensive improvements have been made by the association during the year, but we are happy to report a satisfactory condition of the work already accomplished.

As the city council made no appropriation the past year, it was impossible to enlarge and expand the work along many lines that now invite and are sure to repay effort.

Your committee to whom was assigned the duty of caring for the work have continued the same careful, efficient supervision as was noted in the report of last year. Special attention has been given to the park and both sides of the approach. Four lots have been built up and capped for by the committee and \$8.85 added to the treasury; also \$2.25 received for work done last year.

Willis Barker spent Christmas with his mother on State street.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Grover spent Christmas with friends in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins have returned home to Mount Desert after a visit with relatives in Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carr and son of Bar Harbor have recently visited friends in Brewer.

Mr. Lester Boardway of Madison spent Christmas time with his parents at North Brewer.

Next Thursday evening the regular fortnightly supper of the Ladies' Parish circle of the First Congregational church will take place.

Mr. Frank Sparks of Bowdoin was the guest of his uncle, Mr. Henry T. Sparks at his home on Holyoke street this week.

The death of Mr. John McDonald took place at the city alms house on Monday night at the advanced age of 82 years, 7 months and 12 days. He will be buried Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pettingill have returned home to Pittsfield after a short visit to Brewer.

Miss Aiken, book keeper at Nickerson & Barstow's store, is confined to the house by illness.

Miss May Hutchings is receiving the congratulations of her friends on being the fortunate winner of a pair of opera glasses this being the second prize offered at Tea White's voting contest. She received a total of 13,843 votes.

The Algonquin club of Brewer is second in Freeze's contest, having at the present time 5377 votes.

Mr. Charles J. Hutchings will appear for Mr. Charles E. Williams in his case against the folding bed company.

Following is the program of the Christmas concert given by the Sunday school of the South Brewer Congregational church: voluntary, Abbie Holloway; scripture reading, superintendent; prayer, Mr. Rainage; opening address, K. Nauglass; singing, school; Baby Christ, B. Coleman; The Day Spring, C. Phillips' class; solo, Emily Dextrus; Long Ago, L. Kent's class; Light of Ages, chorus; Light Divine, Minnie Dextrus; singing, chorus; They Offer Gifts, B. Rollins; Singing, Christmas, N. Wissell's class; Christmas, Bolie, Dodie Murray; Song of Angels, duet, Rays of Light, Ida Kinney; recitation, N. Wissell's class; Rays of Light, Eva Doane's class; Two Pictures, Anis and May Goss; singing, Eva Doane's class; recitation, The Waiting, N. Wissell; collection; singing by school; benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Collins, Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Mrs. Mary C. Phillips.

Vice Presidents, Mrs. Dr. C. P. Thomas, Mrs. Samuel Burr, Mrs. Sarah Crowell.

Secretary, Miss Mary E. Collins.

Treasurer, Mrs. Myra Rand.

Chaplain, Mrs. Sophia Hussey.

Finance Committee, Mrs. Josie Clay, Mrs. H. Atwood, Mrs. I. Farrington.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Amount on hand Feb. 28, 1899... \$27.62

Rec'd for dues and donations... \$1.30

Work on lots..... 11.10

4th of July dinner..... 71.21

May dividend..... 47

March dividend..... 58

\$134.66

Am't expended for labor, etc. \$162.23

Bal. in treasury Dec. 12..... 121.90

\$4.38

Myra A. Rand, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The committee appointed to collect the annual dues of the society is as follows:

Mrs. Reuben Clay, Chamberlain street; Mrs. Skinner, Holyoke street;

Mrs. Atwood and Mrs. Maling, Union, Parker, East Summer and Main streets;

Mrs. Crook, Wilson, and Brainerd streets; Mrs. R. P. Gilkey, State street;

Mrs. C. Leach, Benton and Front streets; Mrs. Maria Collins, Burr street and vicinity; Mrs. Julia Burr, South Brewer.

Mr. Luther J. Fickett, whose picture appears in this issue, came to Brewer at the age of seven years. He was born in Harrington, and after coming to Brewer attended the Brewer schools. He then followed the sea for nearly two years in company with his father, the late Capt. William W. Fickett, whose sad disappearance at sea several years ago caused sorrow among his many friends. He married Miss Matilda Carlow, and they have

been very successful.

Mr. E. H. Genther of Dover is spending Christmas with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. West Knowlton.

As S. Garland, returned home Monday, after nearly a month's absence in the woods.

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SPORTING WORLD

General Notes of Professional and Amateur Sports From All About.

The Latest Events Happening From Day to Day—Foot Ball, Base Ball, The Prize Ring and Games of All Sorts.

BASEBALL

With "Buck" Ewing as manager of the Giants New York enthusiasts are looking forward to the coming baseball season with a degree of confidence they have not experienced in several years. The make-up of the Giants is, of course, problematical, but Ewing can be depended upon to get a strong team together and to manage it as a good team should be. No one knows the game better than Ewing, and it should be to select the proper material that will be ball playing on the Polo Grounds next year and the Giants will consist of it.

Harry Pulliam, of Louisville, said: "Buck Ewing's engagement as manager is a big thing for the New York club, the game and New York City. He has always made good and will be sure to pull out a winner if given a chance."

Chairman John T. Brush, of the Circuit Committee, has begun business. He had a long consultation with Frank Robinson, of Cleveland, at the Sturtevant House. Nothing was said out by either, but they had talked the situation over thoroughly and were confident of an early amicable settlement of the question.

Pulliam is much aggrieved over the terms that have been published as the possible basis of settlement. He says no figures have been presented by either side.

"I see one paper," said Harry, "says Cleveland will get \$6000. Well, Louisville's price is too low if that is so. But I have done nothing but talk with Kid McCoy and the same date, in place of the 'Black Demon.'

Sam Fitzpatrick, is to take another trip to London taking Tommy Hogan with him. The latter is to meet Bill Chester early in February, and, if successful, will be pitted against James White three weeks later.

The Hon. Spike Sullivan of Knockanaffey, South Boston and New York added more shekels to his strong box and another victim to his celebrated Canadian champion, Jim Popp. The latter has never beaten Joe Gans, Frank Erne, Jack O'Brien, Eddie Connolly or Kid McPartland—neither have some others.

Captain Bill Daly and Tommy Boles have received word from 'Frisco that Professor Jordan would like to come to Boston and box Patsey Sheppard in a six or eight-round contest. This would prove a big attraction, and Mechanics' building would be done too large to accommodate the people who would like to see the go.

If the San Francisco syndicate which recently offered a purse of \$50,000 for the Corbett-Jeffries fight will post a forfeit of \$5,000 it can secure an option on the big mill. William A. Brady, speaking for Jeffries, says that the entire purse must be postponed one month before the date of the contest.

Interest in coming pugilistic events is centred in the heavy-weight contest between Peter Maher and "Kid" McCoy, scheduled to take place at Coney Island on New Year's afternoon.

The meeting promises to be a battle royal. Strength and hitting power are in favor of the Irishman, but in the matter of science the boyish American is Peter's superior. Maher is by no means a coarse slugger. He is clever to a degree, but, as compared with McCoy, he is by no means in the latter's class.

Maher says that he will pursue precisely the same tactics as those employed by Sharkey against McCoy. He will force the fighting from the start and expects to land often enough to score a quick victory. Speaking of McCoy's qualities, Maher said:

"The Kid is without doubt a very clever, shifty fighter. He is also very game, but he can't stand punishment, owing to his frail frame and constitution. I can afford to take at least three of his blows in order to land one. I know this is true, because he landed at least four times to Sharkey's once in their battle, but the sailor finally wore him down."

"Now, I have met the sailor, and I think that all fair-minded persons will agree that I had the better of it when the police interfered. If I could hold Sharkey safe, why shouldn't I beat McCoy? I think the fight will be a fast and a short one. It will be no fault of mine if it is not over inside of 15 rounds."

Maher, who has been training with great care during the past month, is in good physical trim. He weighs 180 pounds. His muscles are as hard as a rock, and he looks the picture of health.

McCoy has been doing his training at Mindeon's place on the outskirts of White Plains. The course of training he has been taking is quite different from that usually employed by men training for ring events. He does no sparring at all, and very little wrestling. His chief exercise consists in horseback riding, walking up steep cliffs, and roughing it as much as possible cross-country.

His outdoor exercise done, he takes a cold shower bath and rubs himself down. Most pugilists employ a rubber. McCoy says that the exercise has agreed with him immensely, and that he has gained considerable flesh and strength since he began training. He weighs 174 pounds, which is 19 pounds more than he weighed when he fought Sharkey. He said that his health is now the best, and that altogether he never felt in better shape for a battle. He is very confident of defeating the Irishman.

Judge Gildersee, of the Superior Court, has rendered a decision in the suit of William A. Brady against Eddie Connolly, James J. Jeffries and the Boston Boxing Club. The court awarded \$1000 damages to the boxer.

Howard C. Fullerton in which the latter parties are permanently enjoined from exhibiting any copy, real or otherwise, of the Sharkey-Jeffries fight. Judge Gildersee held in his decree that the photographs were a product of skill, requiring much time in training and large expenditure of money, as well as mental and physical effort on the part of Jeffries and Sharkey, and that they were entitled to protection against any stolen copy or reproduction of their efforts. It will be remembered that Howard & Emerson secured pictures of a small portion of the fight by the aid of small hand cameras, which they smuggled into the Coney Island club on the night of the fight. Brady and O'Rourke now propose to make an active warfare on all imitations and reproductions of the real thing.

BICYCLING.

Preparations are being made for a continuous six days' race in Boston. It was planned to have the event, the last week in December, but owing to the ill effects of the New York team race, the riders are not in condition to make the contest a more satisfactory one, as both Peter and I will be in better shape. I certainly had no desire to meet a man of Maher's pretensions unless thoroughly fit. I am making no mistake about Maher, as I know that he is the one pugilist that all the big fellows have avoided for years. It has benefited me, for it has afforded me an opportunity to get a match with one of the best of the heavyweights as neither Jeffries, Sharkey, Fitzsimmons nor Corbett would give me a match. I give Maher credit for undertaking a job that none of those other fellows cared for. I am in good condition already, and weigh 188 pounds, so that consumption of mine is not troubling me much. Maher is a good man, but I will win.

The above letter tells its own tale. It shows that McCoy is well and confident, and reports from the other camp is that the Irish champion is faring the same.

That proposed meeting between Joe Chynski and Joe Walcott, at the Broadway A. C., Jan. 12, has been declared off, and Kid McCoy is to meet Chynski, the same date, in place of the "Black Demon."

Sam Fitzpatrick, is to take another trip to London taking Tommy Hogan with him. The latter is to meet Bill Chester early in February, and, if successful, will be pitted against James White three weeks later.

At a full-lined overcoat of the latest London design, and looking the picture of robust health, Eddie Bald, the ex-cycle champion, was one of the first passengers to walk down the gangway of the Campania when the big liner tied to the dock yesterday morning. In the party which included Bald were Tod Sloane and "Skeets" Martin, the latter accompanied by his wife.

"It has been my first European trip," said Bald, "and I enjoyed it very much. I crossed with a bunch of money to spend, and, to tell the truth I didn't return with much of it. My success in racing the ponies fluctuated. At times I was many dollars ahead of the game, and then again the balance was on the wrong side of the ledger. In the final summing up I found myself a fair sum to the good. Lack of condition in the horses which he rode accounted for many of Sloane's reverses.

The Grand Prix at Paris was a heart-breaker to the American colony and especially for those, myself in the number, who visited the French capital on the mournful occasion.

Martin had some very good luck, and the Reifs were exceptionally successful. The American jockeys all around are far superior to the English article, and given any kind of mounts they invariably win. The English jockeys are copying the American methods, though none of them will admit the fact.

At the present time there is no professional bicycle racing of any kind in England, and I did not get on my wheel once while on the other side. It is my intention to cross early again in the spring and prepare for the big races to be held in Paris and Berlin next year. I am perfectly confident that if I devote myself strictly to training that it will be possible for me to teach my old-time form when I will give the new champions a busy time.

The season away from cycle racing may have been a good thing for me, for I will re-enter the same next year with the enthusiasm and ambition of a beginner.

I never had a doubt from the outset but that the professional riders would be successful in their breaking away from the L. A. W., and the victory of the N. C. A. has not surprised me in the least. I am very much pleased to know that all the foreign tracks of any consequence are now open to N. C. A. riders, and I am looking forward to a very successful season of sports next year. While I will do considerable racing on the other side, I will return to America in time to compete in the meets the latter part of the season."

Candidates for the presidency of the L. A. W. are not as numerous as usual, and very few are in training for the National Assembly of that body, which will hold forth at Philadelphia early in February. Of those recently mentioned in connection with the office no better qualified man has been suggested than Hal B. Fullerton, vice-president of the New York division, and

he has reached the weight of 188 pounds. His muscles are as hard as a rock, and he looks the picture of health.

McCoy has been doing his training at Mindeon's place on the outskirts of White Plains. The course of training he has been taking is quite different from that usually employed by men training for ring events. He does no sparring at all, and very little wrestling.

His chief exercise consists in horseback riding, walking up steep cliffs, and roughing it as much as possible cross-country.

His outdoor exercise done, he takes a cold shower bath and rubs himself down. Most pugilists employ a rubber. McCoy says that the exercise has agreed with him immensely, and that he has gained considerable flesh and strength since he began training. He weighs 174 pounds, which is 19 pounds more than he weighed when he fought Sharkey. He said that his health is now the best, and that altogether he never felt in better shape for a battle. He is very confident of defeating the Irishman.

Judge Gildersee, of the Superior Court, has rendered a decision in the suit of William A. Brady against Eddie Connolly, James J. Jeffries and the Boston Boxing Club. The court awarded \$1000 damages to the boxer.

His name was linked with the presidency for the first time recently by several prominent members of the League in New York. Fullerton is a business man who is a master of detail, thoroughly understands the business of judicious press distribution. Mr. Fullerton has been a pronounced anti-racing advocate for several years and this fact might interfere with his support from certain divisions. The New York division delegation will go to the Assembly unpledged, and should Fullerton's candidacy meet with a promising degree of favor from a considerable number of the delegates it is certain that the New Yorkers name will be presented.

President T. J. Keenan, Jr., is known to be desirous of succeeding himself and obtaining the \$3,500 "allowance" which goes with the office. It is probable that the Pennsylvanian can carry with him the support of his own division, but his success will hinge upon securing an alliance with the Massachusetts delegation, should the New York votes go to Fullerton. Keenan's racing ideas have undergone a marked change within the past fortnight, and he now seems inclined to allow the matter to go before the Assembly without any recommendation from himself, though he has stated in an interview that the League at least should drop the professional class.

Ex-Chief Consul Conway W. Sams, of Maryland, is a probable starter in the presidential stakes, though he is successful or not in his proposed match with one of the French knights of the cue.

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THE LOCAL NEWS.

Mr C. H. Pickering of Rumford Falls was in the city Tuesday at the Bangor Exchange.

Most of the principals of the Empire Stock Co. are registered at the Wind-

The preparatory lecture which was to have taken place at the Central Church this evening has been postponed for one week.

Dr O. E. Wasgatt is expected home from Boston Jan 4, where he has been attending grand opera. He has decided to continue his practice of dentistry at his parlors on Main street.

W. C. Williams, motorman on the Bangor, Hampden & Winterport railroad, wishes to thank the 21 ladies of Tampania who so kindly presented him with the handsome quilt as a Christmas gift.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mason of Howland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Danforth, Christmas. Their son Percy, in the Maine Central freight department at Portland, met them here, returning to Portland Tuesday.

The marriage intention of Harry F. Whelehan of this city and Miss Carrie E. Gip of Castine was filed at the city clerk's office on Tuesday. The marriage intention of Richard B. Coombs and Miss Jeannette Jenkins, both of this city was also filed on Tuesday.

Miss Virgie May Estabrook gave a very pleasant Christmas tree party to fifteen of her girl friends at her home on Garland street Monday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. Delicious ice cream and cake were served and a large number of presents distributed among the happy children. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all, especially the young hostess who has been confined to her bed for a long time with a lingering illness.

Mrs. Mary A. Stuart, assisted by Mrs. W. F. Bradbury of Biddeford and other members of Sheridan R. C. went to Saco on the 21st and organized a State R. C. On Jan. 4th they will hold a joint installation with Fred S. Gurney. The new corps is known as Fred S. Gurney Relief Corps No. 1. On the right of the installation the new corps will serve refreshments to the post and to the members of Sheridan post and corps who have received and accepted invitations to be present.

Monday was a very enjoyable Christmas at the home of R. M. Rice on Hammond street where a party numbering 23 of his relatives and friends from Hampden and Bangor met and held a very social gathering. Among those present were the Hon. H. W. Mayo, I. N. Mayo, Esq., Austin Snare, Esq., and Capt. James M. Snare. There were three generations represented, the oldest being 78 years and the youngest 7 months. After partaking bountifully of plum pudding, turkey and other good things, an adjournment was made at a late hour in the afternoon to meet at W. E. Frost's on Union street, and there a very pleasant feature of the evening was the decoration of the tree by Mrs. W. E. Frost and Mrs. Fannie A. Pierce of Cottage City, Mass., and much credit is due them for the elaborate way in which they had the tree trimmed. The gifts were very beautiful and costly. The party broke up at 5 o'clock. The next reunion will meet at Capt. James M. Snare's in Hampden and it is hoped that those who were unable to be present this time will respond to the call next year. A pleasing feature of the evening was the singing by Austin Snare and Harry Mayo.

MR. BOUTELLE BETTER

Starts for Boston for Consultation And Expert Treatment With Eminent Specialists.

Congressman Boutelle's condition was somewhat improved yesterday and in company with his physician and brother, E. P. Boutelle, took the evening train for Boston for consultation with the most eminent physicians of that city with a view to the adoption of the mode of treatment best calculated to promote his earliest recovery.

INSTALLATION.

Officers of Composite Lodge, F. and A. M., were installed at their hall in Lagrange Saturday night, Dec. 23d. Past Master F. H. Savage acted as installing officer. The officers for the ensuing year are: Henry A. Fowles, Master; Perley E. Speed, S. W.; Herbert J. Banton, J. W.; Marcellus Nelson, treasurer; A. H. Dyer, secretary; Dr. F. D. Sherrard, S. D.; W. Hopkins, J. D.; Willard Snell, S. S.; Lewis G. Heal, J. S.; C. H. Prouty, marshal; H. B. Dyer, tyler.

About sixty persons witnessed the ceremonies, afterwards partaking of one of those well known "Lagrange luncheons" and returning to their homes at low twelves.

THE 41ST REPORT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

THE DECISIONS AND RULES.

SUMMARY COMPILED FROM ANNUAL RETURNS OF COMPANIES.

Total Gross Earnings on All Steam Roads in Maine-The Maine Central's Figures.

The 41st annual report of Maine Railroad Commissioners J. B. Peakes, B. F. Chadbourne and Frederic Danforth has just been issued. It contains much valuable information. Among the contents are the following statements:

RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION.

The annual report of 1898 shows that on June 30, 1898, there were 1,748.95 miles of steam railroads in Maine.

During the year ending June 30, 1899, there has been constructed the following additional mileage:

Spurs upon the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad ... 2.63 miles

Extension of the Bridgton & Saco River Railroad ... 5.25 "

Washington County Railroad ... 5.33 "

Portland & Rumford Falls ... 2.36 1.33 1.41

Portland & Rumford Falls ... 2.53 2.75 2.24

Sanity River ... 2.30 2.92 2.38 2.38

It will be seen, continues the report, that there was a reduction in rates on nearly all these roads. The rates on the Maine Central system were very nearly the same on passengers. But there was a reduction on the freight which may be worthy of notice. In 1898 the rates on freight per ton per mile showed a reduction over 1897 in the aggregate, \$464,812.85. In 1899 there appears to be a further reduction of .0018 cents per ton per mile which, for the tonnage carried, makes a reduction of earnings over what it would have been had the rates of 1898 been adhered to of \$469,447.29. In the two years 1898 and 1899, the reduction in freight rates on the Maine Central railroad alone has saved to the public \$634,260.14.

The following roads in the state had a surplus after paying all expenses of operation and interest, taxes and other charges:

Bangor & Aroostook, surplus, \$48,866.69; Franklin & Megantic, \$483,09; Georges Valley, \$2,519.17; Patten & Sherman, \$51,46; Rumford Falls & Rangeley Lakes, \$4,128.22; Sebascoah & Moosehead, \$4,818.14; Somerset, \$10,357.01; York Harbor & Beach, \$1,774.61. Their rates per mile on passengers and freight were, in 1899, as follows:

Average receipts per passenger-mile ... 1.14 cents

Average receipts per freight-ton-mile ... 1.57 cents

Average receipts per ton-mile ... 1.36 cents

Average receipts per passenger-mile ... 1.92 cents

Average receipts per freight-ton-mile ... 2.30 cents

Average receipts per ton-mile ... 2.89 cents

Average receipts per passenger-mile ... 1.50 cents

Average receipts per freight-ton-mile ... 1.57 cents

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